

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2005

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met October 18, 2005, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Chairman Lancaster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. Richard Hartman was absent. Also present was a representative from the *Grand Island Independent* and Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham.

Lancaster requested that the following emergency item be added to the agenda:
Discussion and possible action regarding October 25th public hearing on sand and gravel pumping permit

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to add the emergency item to the agenda. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – Eriksen made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the October 4th meeting
2. 7 Approve Resolution #05-0058 For additional collateral for Wells Fargo Bank for County Clerk in the amount of \$1,900.000.00
3. 10 place on file the tort claims regarding an accident on January 3, 2005 on Interstate 80
4. Place on file the Hall County Treasurer's report on delinquent personal property taxes and mobile home real property taxes for 2004 and prior years in the amount of \$112,580.87
5. Place on file the office reports from the Hall County Clerk, Hall County Juvenile Services, Hall County Clerk of the District Clerk, Hall County Court and Hall County Sheriff
6. Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
7. Accept and place on file communications as received

Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and no one responded.

6 DISCUSSION ON PURCHASING CAMERA SECURITY SYSTEM FOR ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – Robin Hassel, safety director was present. The administration building offices do not have a functioning security camera system and during the budget process a request was made to purchase a system. The safety committee, County Treasurer and County Clerk transferred funds to the equipment and improvement reserve fund for this purchase. Ms. Hassel was instructed to look for a grant for some additional funding and she stated that there are no grant funds available. Now she is requesting direction from the County Board if she should proceed with the process. IT Director Doug Drudik was also present and he stated that they have received informal bids ranging from \$16,298.00 to \$24,700.00. There is currently \$14,000.00 available and there is also \$10,000.00 in the inheritance fund for the safety committee. The safety committee does not have a recommendation at this time. Mr. Drudik stated that the departments need to meet to determine exactly what each office needs and then look at informal bids. They are requesting direction from the board if they should proceed.

Jeffries stated that this is a necessary project. The board had talked about hiring a person to just do a walk through of the building, but this was not possible. It is important to make sure that this is a good system and it will do the job. Mr. Drudik stated that the hardware they are looking at is good equipment and the quality of the recordings will be usable. Now it is a matter of determining what the county can afford. Arnold also stressed the importance of good equipment. He also stated that the departments know the needs of their offices but are not experts on the system. It is important to have good camera placement, so he suggested talking to the City Police Department for their help in this matter.

Jeffries made a motion and Humiston seconded to authorize Doug Drudik and Robin Hassel to proceed with the administration building security project and to come back to the board with a final recommendation. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

8 DISCUSS AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN WIRELESS AGREEMENT – Mr. Drudik stated that these are the standard wireless agreements that have been used in the past and there is no monetary exchange. There is no rent paid for the use of the sites but there are provisions in the agreement for reimbursement of electricity expenses if necessary.

Rye made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve the wireless agreements with Donald Haller and Myron Lautenschlager. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

9. AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN RELEASE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR – Lancaster stated that this is a settlement with Corrections Department employees on overtime hours. Officers were requested to attend 15 minute briefings before the start of their shifts and were not paid overtime because the department pays them for their lunch time and they felt this was a trade off, but the Department of Labor ruling states that the overtime pay is owed to the

employees. The ruling sets out the amount that each employee is to be paid. The department has been in compliance for a year so it is not an issue now.

Rye made a motion and Arnold seconded to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement and to authorize the clerk to pay the Department of Labor order and to process as a separate payroll. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

9:30 a.m. Held a board of equalization meeting.

SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING OCTOBER 25TH PUBLIC HEARING ON SAND AND GRAVEL PUMPING PERMIT
The City of Grand Island will be hold a public hearing regarding this request and the County has submitted testimony on this issue before and would like to forward the information again.

Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to forward the information relating to this permit to the City Council for the public hearing. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

16. COMMENCE AUDIT OF BI WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND REGULAR CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT – The board members reviewed the claims. Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve the bi weekly pay claims and regular claims. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

Lancaster reminded the board members that the meeting would be recessed until 7:00 p.m. for the jail presentation at the City Council meeting.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – Humiston - He stated he attended the NACO conference in Omaha.

Eriksen - He attended the NACO conference also. There was a health board meeting a week ago and they are scheduling a meeting with Craig Lewis and Max Boerson regarding the septic tank installation in the county. The Health Board is calling the meeting because there is very little oversight on the installation of septic system. Jeffries stated that the city and county do not do the inspections any more they are done by licensed plumbers.

Rye - He stated that he attended the library board meeting.

Jeffries – He stated that the construction project at the Hall County Park is almost completed and they did not have to take out as many trees as they thought. The park committee will be meeting today. He also stated that there will be a public hearing for some conditional use permits. They are also interviewing people for the vacancy at building and grounds department.

Arnold – He stated he did not attend the NACO convention but you do learn a lot. He had no other report.

Lancaster – She stated that she met with Max Boerson and she asked for a list of the conditional use permits and he was able to provide her with a list. She stated that the board received the NACO salary study at the convention. She also noted that the county has done well with our county assistance program and noted that Health and Human Services is considering some cutbacks and redoing the system guidelines for county assistance.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Lancaster called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting recessed until 7:00 p.m. for the joint meeting with the City of Grand Island.

7:00 p.m. Returned to session at City Hall Council Chambers with the City Council, Mayor Jay Vavricek and City Administrator Gary Greer present. .

Hall County Board members present were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries and Pamela Lancaster. Also present were Corrections Director Dave Arnold and Corrections Officer Jimmy Vann. Representatives Mark Berglund and Joe Haines were present from DLR and Dan Smith with Kirkpatrick Pettis was also present.

Lancaster stated that Hall County established the need for a new jail and took it to the voters last year but when the bond issue failed the county felt that the voters were saying it was too high, so they started in December to redo the entire proposal. The County also went to the legislature and requested a change in state statute and that was also accomplished. The entire cost of the project has been cut by 26% that will result in an annual cut to the taxpayer of 56%.

Pamela Lancaster and Dave Arnold gave the power point presentation on the new proposal. Corporal Jimmy Vann cited concerns on the safety issues in the jail.

Martin Berglund reviewed the site location map and the floor plan of the new proposed facility.

Scott Arnold stated that this is not an issue of comfort it is concrete and steel, the major issue is safety. He noted that the inmate visitation will be on video and the exercise area will be enclosed so it will not create a security risk. The old safety center will become the courthouse annex and will be renovated at some time. The old 1904 portion of the jail will be torn down. If the county tries to do any remodeling in the current facility it has to meet the current jail standards.

Jim Eriksen – He stated that this is the most economical approach to a new facility. The county has spent several years working on this. They addressed a regional jail facility but that failed for lack of interest, and they looked at privatization but that is not allowed. Without a new facility the county will have to take prisoners elsewhere.

Bud Jeffries – He stated that the county has looked at remodeling the jail but this is not an option. They have looked at what size is most economical and this facility should work for 25 years. The additional beds will be used to generate revenue for Hall County. The county currently has work release but it is limited and with a new facility they hope to expand this. He noted that when an inmate is on work release they pay for room and

board so this is very important. They current inmates that are on work release do a lot of work in the county.

Dan Smith with Kirkpatrick Pettis was present. He stated that his part will be easy if the issue is approved. He stated that now the county can secure a 30-year loan so that will help with the cost to the taxpayer. He stated that cost to the taxpayer will be \$39.50 a year on a \$100,000.00 dollars of valuation. That would be \$39.50 a year or about 75 cents a week.

Councilman Bob Meyer stated that the current facility is dangerous and he will support the new facility.

Carroll Cornelius stated that education is the key to gaining support.

Jackie Pielstick asked if there could be tours conducted of the old jail and Dave Arnold stated that they are holding tours. She also stated that she supported the new proposal

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next meeting will be November 1, 2005.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk